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Michigan House of Representatives

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Re: House Bills 5752 and 5753

Dear Chairman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Paul Lubienski. I am a licensed **attorney** in Michigan (for +33 years.) I am a member of MOWRA (**Michigan Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association**). I am a member of the **Ann Arbor Area Board of Realtors**. I sit on the **Michigan Realtors Septic Taskforce Committee**. These comments are drawn from my own experiences and are not endorsed by the State Bar, the Realtors or MOWRA.

I have worked and advocated for a uniform Statewide Septic Code for over 15 years. The bills before you are a great stride forward. Michigan is the only State in the Country that does not have a uniform Statewide Septic code! These bills present a framework to such a uniform code and are greatly needed and welcomed. In their present form, the 2 bills contain elements of the most important septic priorities, namely:

- A process by industry professionals to develop statewide standards of practice based upon science and common sense and the elimination of jurisdictional conflicts between governmental units.
- Training and education of practitioners in the onsite industry including regulators, installers, inspectors, and maintenance providers.
- An ongoing process whereby new and advanced technology can be reviewed and approved for use statewide in Michigan by a common process and authority.
- A process to assure ongoing, appropriate, onsite system maintenance, and a method of accountability to make that happen.

I do support these bills as containing most of the ingredients for which I have been advocating. Please vote for these bills so Michigan can finally start the process of a uniform statewide septic code.

Sincerely:

Paul M. Lubienski